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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Following up on the JCS meeting with you this afternoon,
I have instructed Jim Cunningham of my Office of Special Activities
to get in touch with your General Brown to assist in preparation of
the additional information you requested.

In looking over the various uses to which the U-2 aircraft
is put, there appear to be five operational missions which require
our priority consideration. They are:

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[Redacted] The SAC overflights of

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Cuba are overt with military pilots and military-marked aircraft.

I am in complete agreement that except for the covert operations conducted by CIA, there should be a high degree of interchangeability and flexibility in the utilization of available U-2 aircraft and available pilots. It would also appear appropriate to

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denied-territory operations. I am having my staff work up cost estimates on this basis. I can support on the basis of CIA requirements the modifications of three such aircraft.

Sincerely,

John A. McCone
Director